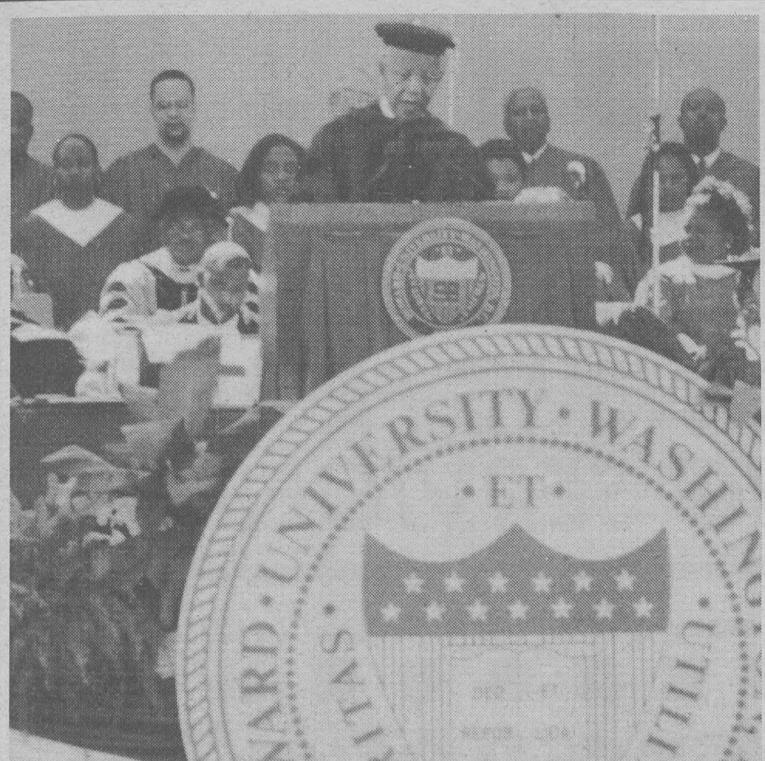


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South African President Nelson Mandela spoke to an inspired audience of Howard University students and faculty at the school's Convocation Friday. (See story, p. 15)

## Student services seek efficiency

**Division will examine services provided by \$77 million budget**

BY DOUGLAS PARKER  
NEWS EDITOR

Student and academic support services will examine its own efficiency and the services it offers for the first time since the division's birth in 1988.

Mike Gargano, special assistant to Vice President Robert Chernak, who heads the department, will spend the next several months examining the division.

The department encompasses such services as the Office of Student Financial Assistance, University Police, the athletics programs, the 14 residential halls and the Marvin Center. The division has a budget of \$77 million and 450 full time employees, said Ann Webster, assistant vice president for student and academic support services.

To put the size of the division in perspective, excluding the residence hall system which pays for itself through room charges, the average student contributes about \$3,750 each year to the division. About \$2,300 of this is put toward student financial aid.

The remaining money funds everything from campus activities and the Student Association to the Marvin Center.

Webster said that college support services must occasionally "re-evaluate, reorganize and redistribute."

To evaluate the division, Gargano will talk to focus groups drawn from undergraduate and graduate students to see what students value and what students find wasteful. Gargano also said he will talk to faculty and staff to see what services they need from the division.

Both Webster and Gargano emphasized that this evaluation is not looking to cut jobs or services.

but simply make sure students are receiving the services they need and deserve.

In fact, this year student services has been allocated an extra \$600,000 to \$700,000, three-quarters of which is going directly to enrollment management, according to Don Boselovic, assistant vice president for budget.

Student service's two major auxiliary departments, the Marvin Center and the Office of Residential Life, already have had to look at how efficiently they operate.

Both departments were required to substantially increase their contribution to the University general fund this year. The Marvin Center contribution to the general fund went from about \$100,000 to

more than a half million. Residential Life increased its contribution from \$2.5 million last year to \$3.1 million this year.

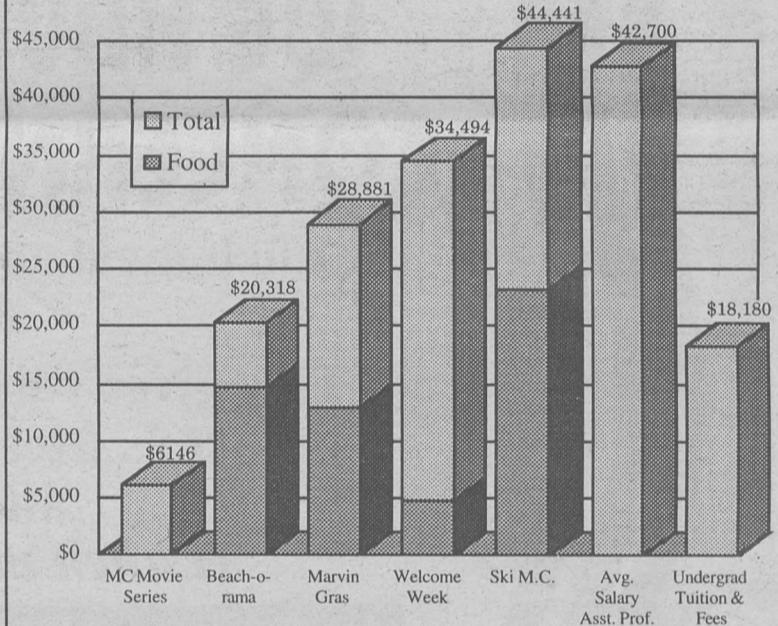
The Residential Life contribution is a considerable portion of its \$17.5 million budget. The contributions to the general fund cover services the University provides to the auxiliary departments.

Because both the Marvin Center and Residential Life operate more like independent businesses than the Dean of Students Office and other departments, the departments pay for services the University provides, Johnnie Osborne, associate director of campus life, said.

Most departments receive their

(See AUXILIARY, p. 8)

### OCL event expenses compared to other University costs



## International student killed in car crash

BY ELISSA LEIBOWITZ  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A GW junior was killed two weeks ago when the car he was driving struck a pole and flipped on a highway near campus.

Abdikadir Abdi, 20, died Sept. 30 when his car overturned on the Whitehurst Freeway, Metropolitan Police said. He was on the freeway near Virginia Avenue about 2:30 p.m. when the car hit a light pole.

"The speed of the driver appears to be a contributing factor," a police statement said.

"I think he was driving too fast," Abdi's friend, Eric Senko, said.

Abdi was taken to the GW Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Passenger Mohammed Tayeb, 22, of Arlington, Va., was taken to the Georgetown University Hospital where he was treated and

released.

Tayeb could not be reached for comment.

Abdi was an economics major in the Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He was from Kenya, where his mother and father currently live.

His two brothers, Abdigani and Abdimajid Abdi, also attend GW. Both seniors have returned to Kenya, Senko said. Senko said he was unsure when the two brothers were returning to Washington.

Senko said Abdi lived down the hall from him both freshman and sophomore years. He recalled that Abdi would often join him and other friends in intramural soccer and football.

Senko and another friend are trying to contact an imam, a Muslim religious leader, to hold a memorial service for Abdi.

MPD is continuing its investigation.

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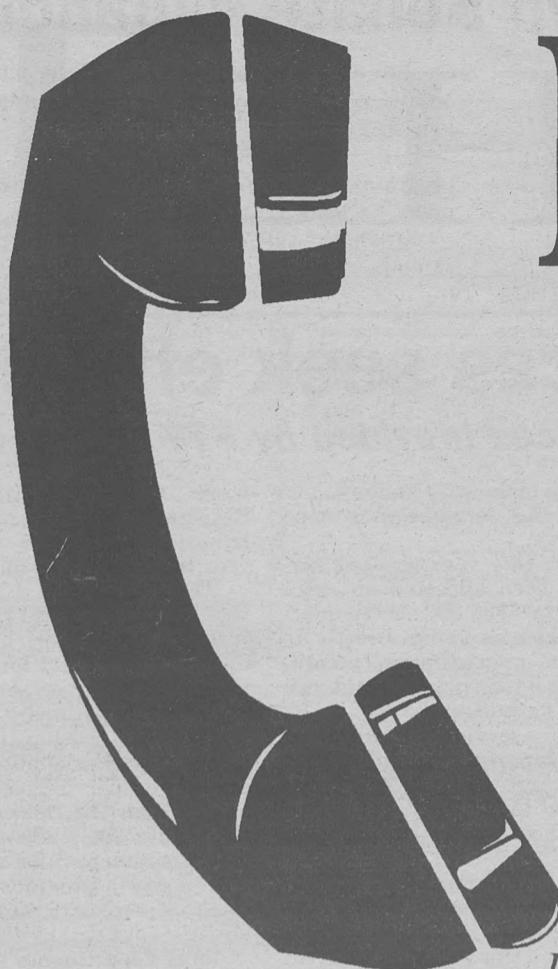
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# SA leaders make Thurston house call

## Freshmen see face of student gov't

BY MATTHEW KWAN  
HATCHET REPORTER

Student Association leaders toured rooms in Thurston Hall last Wednesday as part of an effort to increase communication between the SA and some of its newer constituents.

SA President Al Park, Executive Vice President Scott Slifka and freshman Sens. Elizabeth Alexander and Jonathan Pompan toured Thurston and met with freshman residents.

Park said the visits allowed the SA to hear the concerns of the freshman class, as well as to inform freshman students of SA services such as the test files and the Academic Update for fall 1995. The Academic Update offers student perspectives on classes offered by the University.

Freshmen were also informed that they could voice their concerns to a SA representative weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SA table in Columbian Square, Pompan said.

Park said the visit was a materialization of his campaign goals as well as a change from last year's SA administration.

"Freshmen usually don't know much about the SA ... Last year the SA was not in touch with the students. We want freshmen to know that we are out there," Park said.

The freshmen representatives were upbeat about their visit.

"I want freshmen to know more about the SA. A lot of freshmen did

not know about the test files," Alexander said.

"It was really great. It proved informative for the residents and those going around visiting," Pompan said. "I think this is the best we can do. The visit was very productive."

Park said that the SA group initially had planned to visit every room in Thurston Hall. However, they were only able to complete rounds on the ninth floor. As a result, the SA group will visit one floor of Thurston Hall each Wednesday evening, Park said. Alexander said they will also visit freshmen in Adams Hall and other residence halls.

Reaction from the Thurston residents was generally positive.

"It was a good idea. I know who represents me now, and I didn't know before," said Kerry Krupsha.

"It was good to see the (SA leaders') faces," Vinita Misra said.

"I thought it was good that they were telling people who they were. They were making (the SA) more personal," Bikramjit Ahluwalia said.

But some students who were not in their room when the SA representatives visited were dissatisfied with the SA's efforts.

"They came at awkward times. They should have informed students what time they were coming. There should have been large posters publicizing the visit around Thurston," said Ali Ayub, who with his other three roommates, missed the SA visit.

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## SA left to fill two Senate vacancies

BY ERIN McLAUGHLIN  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Two Student Association senators resigned their positions at Tuesday night's meeting, prompting concern from Senate members who had just managed to fill several other vacant seats.

SA President Al Park also discussed some of his goals for the SA, including improvement of graduate programs, the test file and financial aid workshops.

"To my chagrin, we have more vacancies to fill," Executive Vice President Scott Slifka said after graduate senators David Chambliss (CCGSAS) and George Farrugia (NLC) resigned.

"The one big con is that I just don't have the time," Rules Committee Chair Chambliss said. The Rules Committee chair is president pro tempore of the Senate and must preside over meetings if the executive vice president is absent.

Farrugia resigned in order to take a position in the SA's cabinet. Park appointed him vice president for judicial and legislative affairs.

"I think George will add a lot to the cabinet without detracting from the Senate," said undergraduate Sen. Scott Mory (CCGSAS).

Park told the Senate that he wants to initiate programs to get transfer and graduate students more involved in campus life.

Graduate students are "much neglected on this campus," Park said. Park is a graduate student in the law school.

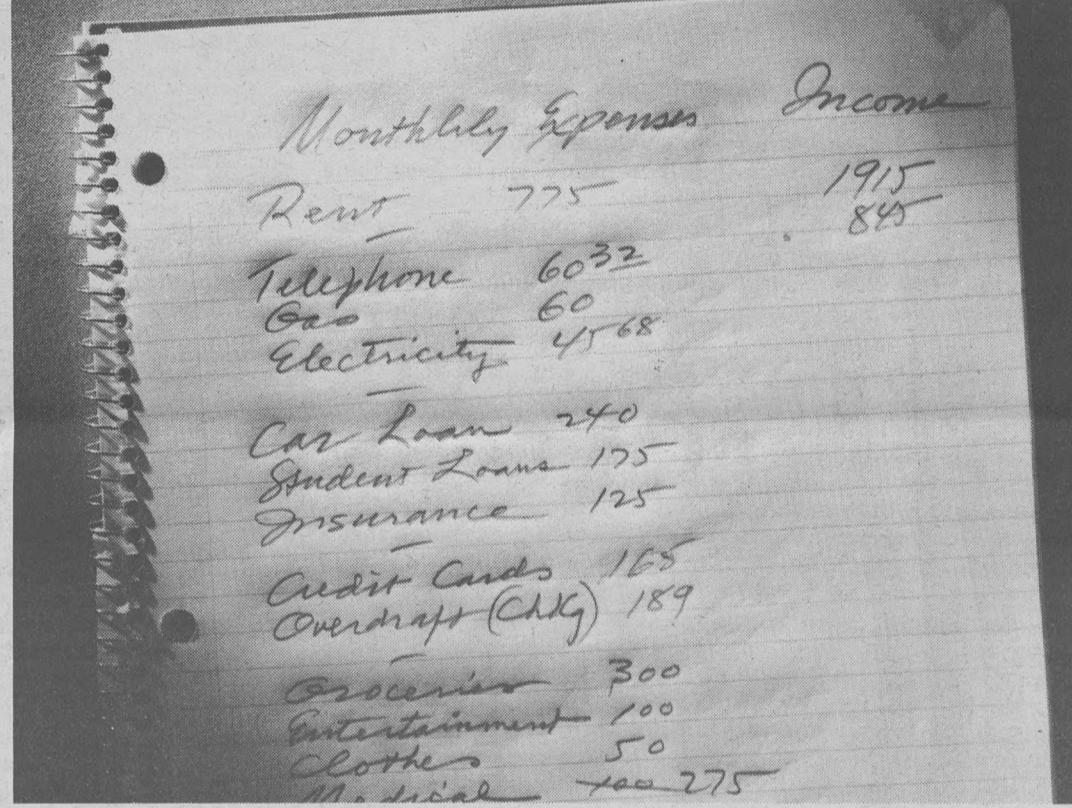
He also praised the SA's new syllabus file and encouraged use of and contribution to the already existing test file.

"Our test file is somewhat depleted," Park admitted. Both the test and syllabus files are open to students to help them choose and prepare for classes.

Park said he wants to organize financial aid workshops for students who may not understand the process of getting and keeping aid.

The workshops would "avoid miscommunication," he said, adding that he felt it was this type of miscommunication which led to almost 40 students leaving GW this fall because of lack of funds.

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## One way out

Recent events in Iraq are opening up old wounds in world diplomacy that most people thought ended four years ago. But because of an only partial resolution of Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein is still firmly in power and causing trouble once again.

Now, the world, particularly the United States, is forced to make a leap of faith. We have three options in the problematic scenario. On one end of the spectrum, America could lift sanctions and the embargo against Iraq, end the no-fly zone mandate and offer the suffering country a face-saving safety valve. Perhaps Saddam would throw down his arms and embrace a new world order. But more probable, the Iraqi dictator would seize this opportunity to run wild on a rampage through the Middle East.

America could keep up its present policy of trying to starve Iraq to its knees, compromising its sovereignty and ground its planes and keep Americans in Kuwait to defend the tiny emirate. Unfortunately, history shows that these policies rarely work. Consider Haiti and Cuba, to name just two examples how a dictator can take on the world.

On the other end of the spectrum is an extreme solution, that while unconventional, is the only fair way out of this mess. The world is not conducting a war against the Iraqi people, just one against their ruthless leader. Instead of punishing the Iraqis, or leading them on and trying to incite revolution, the time for action has arrived.

The allies must remove Saddam Hussein from power in an effort to stabilize the country for its own good, for the good of Iraq's Middle Eastern neighbors and for the good of the allies who are forced to maintain troops in the region to keep an eye on Iraq.

Removing Saddam from power and holding him accountable for crimes against humanity might seem extreme, but we did the same thing to Noriega in Panama. Such an action, while on the surface may seem questionable, would actually return sovereignty to Iraq in the long run. After Saddam is out of power, Iraq could again be free to act as any other nation in the world arena, instead of in its present, limited role that its ruthless leader has forced upon it.

## Little good

Is Oliver North for real? What possible reason does he think he has the right to serve as a member of the U.S. Senate? Though North has been shunned by both Presidents Reagan and Bush, the man who he purports to idolize, the retired Marine actually stands a good chance of getting elected in November. And that's frightening, considering the reputation North has built in the last 10 years.

As if North's record during Iran-Gate alone isn't enough to boot him from the running, his actions during his campaign further enforce just how much of a clown he is.

In the last few months, North supported the raising of a Confederate flag at a Virginia city building then disputed the fact and actually alleged that his opponent, Chuck Robb, was seen wearing a tie with Confederate flags on it. Then, North, who admitted lying to Congress, told a high school audience that he never actually committed perjury but was a victim of a Democratic scheme to ruin his reputation. If that's not enough, North warned an audience last week, explaining that Democratic budget cuts have left the military in a state of disrepair, unfit to repel an invasion from Iraq.

Putting aside the fact that North is a hypocrite and an admitted liar, North could do real damage to the Senate if elected. North is partisan and right wing to a fault, and he would devote all his energy to shooting down Democratic bills. The word "cooperation" is not in North's vocabulary, and devoid of any actual agenda for his state, he would do little good for the people of Virginia.

Oliver North would not even be a household name if he didn't become famous for shredding documents and deceiving the body he hopes to serve. He never had any respect for the Senate, and the only prior experience he has in government is in how to deceive it.

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## Go ahead, check our records; College Republicans speak out

As the executive board of the College Republicans organization GW, we felt that we should respond to the statements that have been made against this club. Instead of blaming others or hurling accusations, we would like our record to speak for itself.

During the 1993-1994 academic year, the GW College Republicans consisted of more than 400 members. We were the third largest CR club in the country, behind Texas A&M and Boston University. The year before, we had only 150 members. This increase was the result of last year's executive board's efforts to increase the scale of its activities, politically and on the behalf of the GW community.

The CRs had the most active year in recent memory, with an average of one event a week during the fall semester. We organized trips to work on the campaigns of now Gov. George Allen, Senate candidate Oliver North and we participated in conferences and events held by the Christian Coalition and Pat Buchanan. In fact, we sponsored a very successful event for Texas Sen. Phil Gramm that drew more than 150 GW students from campus to nearby Virginia.

The GW College Republicans were voted in the top 10 most active CR organizations in the country by the College Republican National Committee. The GW CR newspaper, the Observer, was voted best College Republican Newspaper at the last national convention. Other College Republican and political organizations in the area, such as Empower America, the Heritage Foundation and Accuracy in Academia come to us for volunteers and recruits to help in their activities. Last year was far from being a bad year for the College Republicans.

You don't have take our word for it. You can always call the offices of Sens. Gramm, Specter and Burns, along with congressmen Crane, DeLay, Walker, Dornan and Barton, and ask them what the CRs have done for them through volunteers and/or speaking events.

We have also tried to have a positive effect on the University as a whole. The College Republicans worked hard on campus beautification, two Red Cross Blood Drives, aided the Student Association and University Police with Campus Escort on numerous occasions and have helped out in local schools and hospitals to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

This year we have close to 300 members, with more joining every day. We have participated actively with the Oliver North campaign for the U.S. Senate, Carol Schwartz's campaign for D.C. mayor and Bill Brock's run for the Senate in Maryland, with whom we joined in a whistle-stop campaign tour the previous weekend and many others. Later this semester, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), will come to campus to speak. Also, on Oct. 14, we will hold an Open House in the CR office for the members of this organization to meet with their executive board to answer any questions they might have. On Oct. 14 and 15, members can travel, courtesy of the College Republicans, to Virginia Beach to participate in campaign activities with Oliver North, with food and accommodations provided. In addition, on Nov. 11, the College Republican annual Veteran's Day program will feature veteran Gens. Graham and Singlaub. Finally, we will end the

semester with the annual holiday social on Dec. 9. The spring semester will also be full of events and activities for our general members to become more involved within the realm of politics.

We have made every possible effort to provide the best opportunities to our members. The College Republicans is a dedicated club of individuals determined to do what is honest and right. Our actions of this year and other years were made for the good of the organization as a whole, not for any small group of individuals.

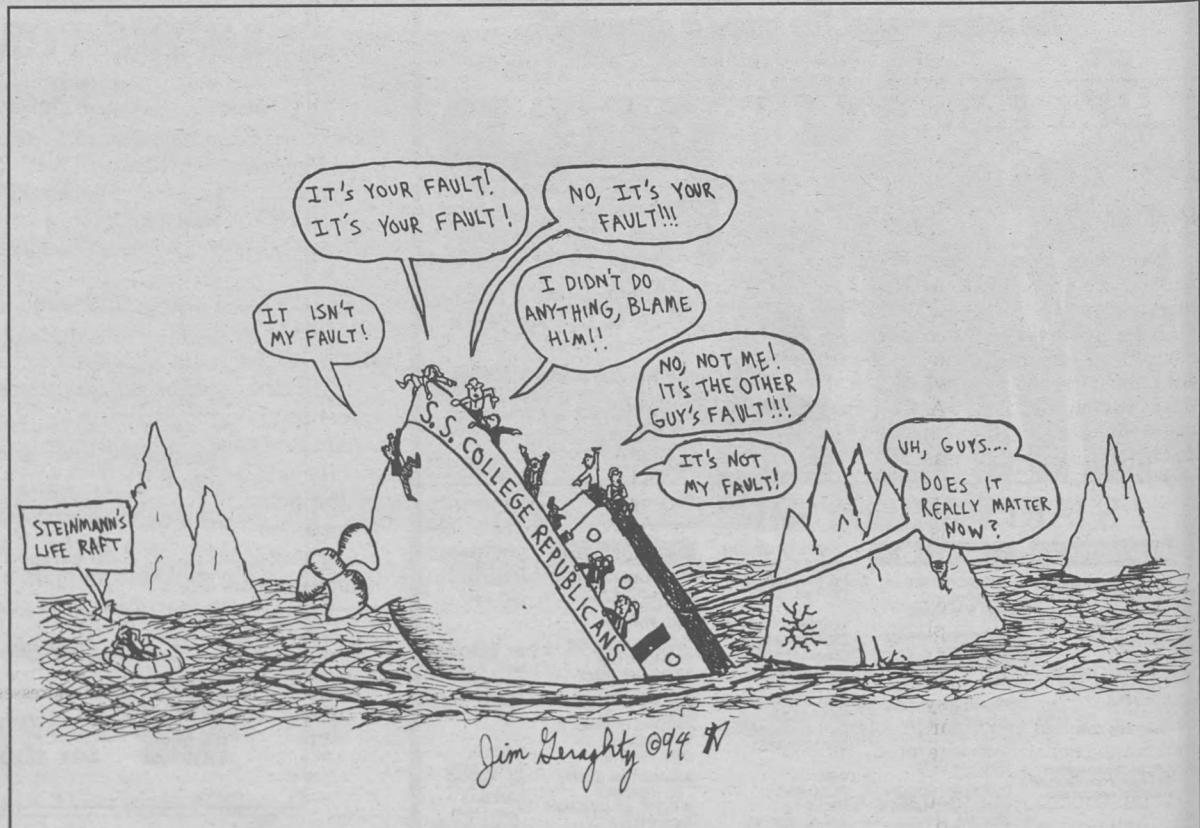
The actions of one general member, who was not privy to executive board information, erroneously created a situation that easily could have been explained had it been brought to the attention of the executive board or the general membership. This member instead, full knowing the outcome of his actions, took an internal College Republican matter to the external force of the SA, where the mere implications of wrongdoing would devastate the stability of the organization, as well as the ex-chairman, Carolyn Hall. Had this been done in the proper fashion, legally and within the bounds of the organization, we could have avoided wasting countless hours dealing with trivial matters, that would have better been used toward programming for our members and working toward the biggest elections in GOP history.

The resignation of this year's chairman, Brandon Steinmann, was a surprise to the executive board. He felt that it was not possible for him to remain a full-time chairman in such a crucial time as this election season. We understand that he is leaving because of his upcoming graduation in December and his hopes to attend law school in the spring. We wish him the best and hope to be able to build upon his past achievements and the new foundation we have laid for the future of the GW College Republicans. He has promised to work with us, as much as possible, in his new capacity as the chairman of the D.C. Federation of College Republicans.

The College Republicans exists for the benefit of its members, no more, no less. Since 1961, we have represented this University with the utmost honesty and dignity. We let our record speak for itself. Regardless of the groundless accusations that have been hurled against us, we will continue to provide boundless opportunities for our members to participate in the political life of Washington, D.C., and the surrounding communities. Our actions speak louder than any words, and if anyone thinks otherwise, we welcome your input. The more interaction that we have with the membership, the better the organization will become.

We look forward to making this the best year in College Republican history, and we've already gotten off to a great start with the dedication and support of our hardworking membership. Remember, the executive board is here to serve you, the general members, in any way possible.

Lawrence P. McNamara, acting chairman of College Republicans; Ben Oxley, communications director; Jason Miller, treasurer; Gina Sullivan, secretary; Chris Kirkpatrick and Amy Cox, freshmen representatives; Garret Peel, internship coordinator; and Sarah Oputut, campaigns director.



# OPINION

## Honor code needs input from every student

When one spends a good deal of time working on a project, it is easy to become emotionally involved with it and to take things personally. I must admit that I have fallen into this trap in regards to a project called "the honor code." People must understand that the honor code is not like most policy changes here at GW; it is a commitment to personal ethics and community responsibility. As its preamble states, "We, the Students, Faculty and Administration of The George Washington University, believing academic honesty to be central to the mission of the University, commit ourselves to its high standard and to the promotion of academic integrity." This is the thread that holds the entire honor code proposal together, the acceptance of the notion that all members of the University community are responsible for the integrity and reputation of GW.

Some might ask, "Why do we need this?" or "What's wrong with the current policies?" The long and short of it is that the University's current policies do not make academic integrity central to its mission. While the submitted proposal incorporates several of the definitions from current policies, it takes the onus of making academic integrity a priority off individual departments and schools and centralizes that responsibility into one University body.

The honor code is much bigger than the honor council established to adjudicate infractions. It is a commitment by the University to act together as a community, to educate new students and faculty about our high standards of academic integrity and to work with faculty and administrators to create a classroom atmosphere conducive to academic honesty. The idea of a shared commitment is reflected in many places throughout the honor code: both students and faculty must sign an honor pledge, both students and faculty share the moral burden of reporting infractions, both students and faculty are responsible for adjudicating cases and both students and faculty are inevitably responsible for the success of the code.

For students, there are some definite advantages to adopting this code. Students will be studying at a University where they are assumed to be honorable. This assumption will accompany students in all their encounters with other students, faculty or administrators. As the honor committee of the University of Virginia states in the introduction to their honor system, "The atmosphere of trust grounded in this assumption of honor enables every student to know his word will be taken as true, to compete fairly in the classroom, and to keep what is rightfully his." Our University's academic reputation will also increase with the adoption of this code and will make all of our degrees that much more meaningful and worthy.

Now, I understand that there may be some of you who are skeptical and have questions. The committee that wrote this code welcomes those questions, as well as any other comments, compliments or criticisms. Please understand that this proposal is just a proposal. No one is voting on this yet. We are open to change. This is why the public hearings, to be held on Oct. 19, 24 and Nov. 1, are so important.

Help us to help GW. There are several copies of the code available at the Student Association office (MC 424). Read the code for yourself. Mark it up. Let us know what you think. We look forward to meeting with anyone who has an opinion on this subject. Please don't be bound by any pre-conceived notions regarding the honor code. Please don't rely on the examples of other schools to demonstrate why the honor code can't work here. As we all pride ourselves in saying, GW is a unique institution. So let's focus on this code and on our University. If you have any questions, please contact me at the SA Office (47100) or on E-mail (smory@gwi2.circ.gwu.edu). Thank you in advance for your careful consideration.

Sen. Scott Mory (CCGSAS), a junior, is the chair of the Student Association Senate Academic Affairs Committee.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Learning to get along

I am writing to correct William Bacquiod's piece, "The AIDS holocaust" (The GW Hatchet, Oct. 3, p. 4). If he has ever listened to Louis Farrakhan he would have found out that it is not only whites that were responsible for AIDS, but more specifically it is a plot by Jewish doctors. The reason I can say this with the utmost confidence is that I am Jewish and therefore know of the great "Jewish plot" to take over the world.

In all seriousness, I feel that Bacquiod fails to realize that he is being a racist. He is implying that all the white people are out to get the minorities in the world. As a Jew, I realize how easy it is to blame a general group for problems that have occurred in the past. Yet somehow I manage to have German friends even though it was the Germans who killed 6 million

of my people. I have Christian friends even though for about the past 2,000 years my people have been ruthlessly persecuted by the Church. I have friends who are Syrian, Jordanian and Palestinian, despite the problems that their countries have had with both of mine.

This is not only for Bacquiod, but for everyone else who thinks there is some giant conspiracy against African Americans. I am able to do this because I try and get to know the individual regardless of what the group as whole is like. I think it is a shame that people are stupid enough to believe in this conspiracy. The bigger tragedy will occur when, because of this stupidity, two people never become friends because they are too afraid of what the other person might do to them.

- Joshua Keidan,  
Co-president,  
Student Alliance For Israel

## England has Benny Hill and Mr. Blobby, But Americans have it good

Four channels on the television, second rate sitcoms, daily newspapers boasting offensively large breasts and John Major: welcome to (Great) Britain, a country still willing to believe that New Kids on the Block have talent and that the nauseatingly attractive young "ladies" on "Baywatch" deserve to maintain their position on our screens. You have baseball, while we have cricket - a pastime involving middle-aged men protecting their manhood with a maple bat, and stopping at 4 p.m. for tea, scones and a jolly good "chin wag."

You have a credible Constitution, seeking, as I understand it, to protect freedoms and encourage individual achievement. We have the Magna Carta, granted by King John in 1215 to recognize the rights and privileges of the barons, church and freemen. I hardly think it is necessary to highlight how handy this is in an age where civil liberties may be a preferable option.

You have Robin Williams, Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. Our national talent worth exporting amounts to Benny Hill, and he's dead, Monty Python and the Royal Family which, in its present state is the biggest joke since someone forgot milk, sugar and the best British china at Boston in 1773.

You "have a nice day." We, for the most part, don't. Everything appears to be so much bigger, so much better in America - Pepsi, pizzas and even the politicians. Your senators and congressmen leave the sleepy Palace of Westminster and its cobweb-ridden residents standing.

Why, even your scandals are more impressive our pathetic attempts at controversy.

Take for instance the present predicament of Bill Clinton. Now, that is a scandal. When pondering on what John Major has managed to muster in his current term of office, we find the cupboard disturbingly bare. There was a brief allegation of an unlikely affair with a domestic help of sorts, however it was duly refuted, and business continued as usual.

But not so with Bill. While he is suffering at the hands of his Republican enemies in the House of Representatives, Clinton is also the subject of countless columns in the quality press over here in Britain. Spawned of the failed criminal justice bill, Clinton has become the focus of editorials and media investigations across the national press in Britain.

We were briefly introduced to Whitewater although, I'm afraid that the majority of the British people are still very much in the dark as to the scandal itself. Newsstands have carried headlines such as "Comeback Kid hits point of no return" and "Clinton poised on edge of an abyss." Unfortunately the right wing press in this country - and that covers just about all of the printed word on sale at the moment - are still terribly upset that they backed the wrong horse in 1992.

Britain liked George and Barb, and it appears that now Clinton is experiencing a rough patch in his presidency, it isn't going to pass unnoticed.

It is rather interesting that while your president is desperately seeking to increase the law enforcement potential of America, the British government hopes to counter our rising crime rate with increased powers for the police of Britain. Guns? No, nothing quite so obvious, but our police will soon be armed with a "super" baton which, if used correctly, could reprimand criminals with a good hard slap. To be used in

junction with a severe telling off, the super baton appears to be a real progression from the currently used truncheon. A nation waits with bated breath for the crime rate to plummet.

As for Anglo-American relations among the powers that be, well, they could be better. Gone are the days of the lady with the iron uterus (Baroness Thatcher) and the lovable 40th president of the United States, Ronald Reagan. No cozy chats and cups of freshly brewed tea between John and Bill. However, there is hope for the future. I'm afraid John "the gray" Major is living on borrowed time as the Labour Party, which currently sits in opposition, has recently elected an impressive young chap as their leader. Tony Blair, a 41-year-old gentleman who is currently the leader of the Labour Party, looks set to take the nation by storm when we next get the opportunity to go to the polls. There is one mildly unpopular aspect of his manifesto that is currently sending ripples of discontent through the nation - a top band taxation rate of as much as 50 percent. Still, he is marginally less bland than our current leader, and I use that word in its very loosest sense.

However, while my pessimism with regard to Britain is evident and the pitfalls plentiful, there are many aspects of my society packed with potential. Our football team is improving, and I returned from a holiday in Cannes to read reports of an American defeat on our green and pleasant land.

While I salute the English football team for embracing the game we gave to the world, I stand ashamed of the performance of the crowd on that warm summer evening. The wave of boozing during the American national anthem only displayed a typically British trait to the world. We have so little pride in our country, our flag, in any symbol of our nationality. A country without pride is a poor country indeed.

May I conclude with a brief warning about our most eligible export, the lovable pink puppet Mr. Blobby? Spawned of an early evening television show, Mr. Blobby has become as synonymous with British society as the monarchy. After seizing popularity on the screen, the spotty pink eyesore topped the music charts in Christmas of 1993 with the originally named number, "Mr. Blobby." He has a penchant for causing copious amounts of havoc wherever his oversized body goes, and this scenario appears to be a source of great amusement for the British public in general. Should he cross the ocean and attempt to spread his tacky and highly contagious hilarity on your shores, take my advice and before he can utter "Blobby, blobby, blobby" - introduce him with haste to the golden pond!

As the British version of summer (like yours but without the sun) draws to close, it's back to the academic grindstone and alcoholic stupor. I can see the gently undulating hills of Scotland from my flat window and hear the constant movement of the beer pumps from every alehouse in the area. However, I'd give my right arm for cold Budweiser, a trip to Dunkin' Donuts and the gently undulating silhouette of Washington D.C. from my "apartment."

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After spending a year in the United States as an exchange student during high school, Brindle is saving all her money to get a job in Washington.

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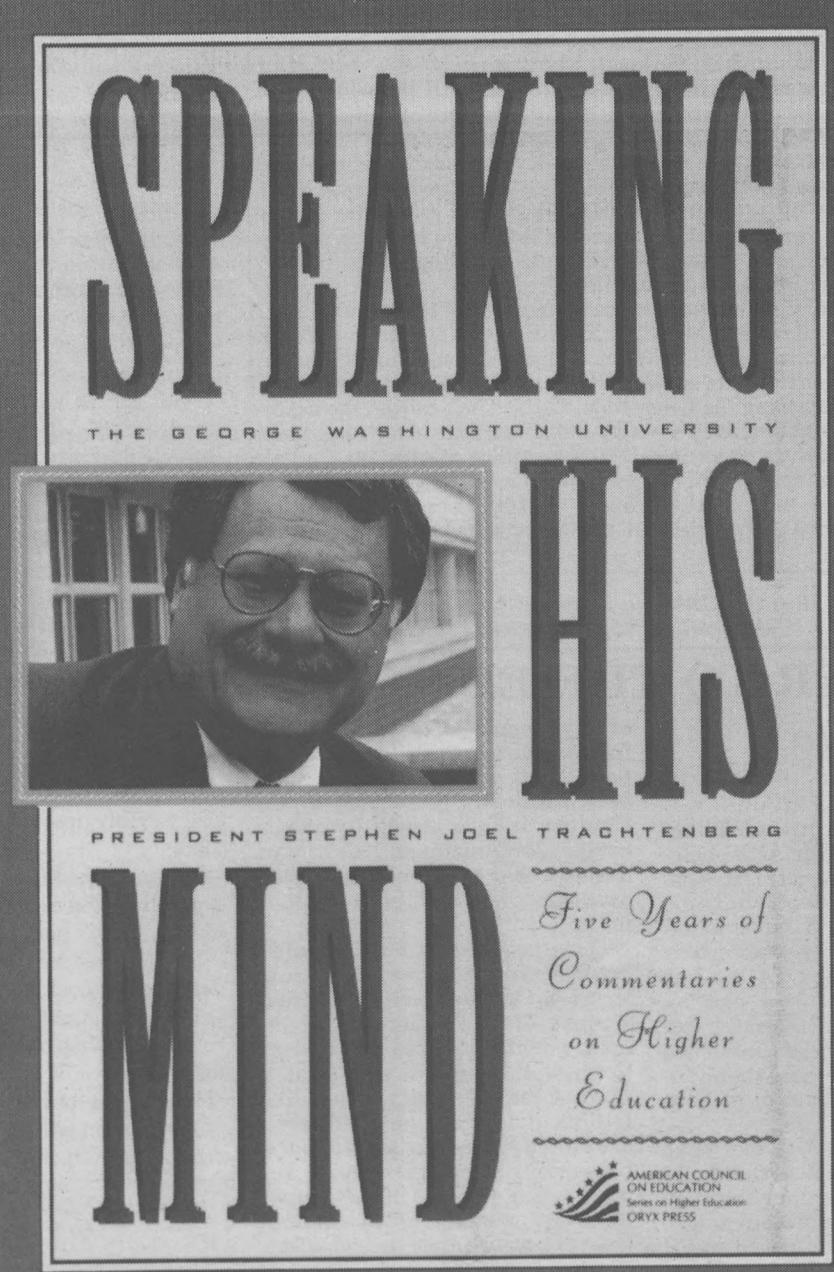
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# Professors to receive 'measurable' raises

BY MICHAEL ARCATI  
HATCHET REPORTER

Faculty salary raises will continue again this year, taking effect the beginning of next year.

"There will be some measurable increase in salaries for full professors in '95," Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French said. Last year most of the salary increases went to assistant and associate professors.

GW's salaries are constantly compared to the national survey of faculty salaries of other colleges and universities. Compared to other schools, GW's average faculty salary is the same as University of Virginia, higher than that of John Hopkins University and \$800 lower than the salaries at Georgetown University.

Though the average salary of GW and Georgetown professors were close, full-time professors at GW made \$13,000 less than their Georgetown counterparts. According to the March/April 1994 *Academe*, the average full professor's salary at GW was \$72,900 last year, while the average full professor at Georgetown made \$85,700.

The average salary of a GW assistant professor was \$44,700

while the average assistant professor at Georgetown made \$42,700.

"I have been here for 26 years and there has never been a year without an increase in faculty salaries. ... If we don't have good starting salaries, the top rate professors will go somewhere else," French said. "We have a very strong faculty, and we like to have them compensated for how good they are."

"We concentrated on improving the salaries of assistant and associate professors and salaries went up 7 percent," French said. Full professor salaries average went up 3.5 percent over the last year, he said.

The report for next year's salary increases is not yet prepared.

Salary increases in the University are not annual increases or based on inflation but merit-based on a scale of 0 to 10 percent. The revenue for salary increases comes mostly from tuition increases.

Robert Chernak, vice president for student and academic support services, said a 4 percent faculty salaries increase would translate into a 2.5 to 3.5 percent tuition increase.

*-Douglas Parker contributed to this report*

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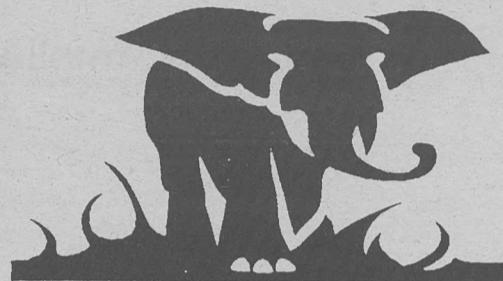
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# Auxiliary services curtail spending

(From p. 1)

funds from the University. The Marvin Center receives money directly from the student fee and rent while the Office of Residential Life receives its funding from students and interns living in the halls.

Because of the additional contribution to the general fund, the Marvin Center has been forced to

curtail expenses across the budget.

"The budget is very, very tight. It's a different kind of environment," said LeNorman Strong, executive director of the Office of Campus Life. "The bottom line is we don't have the flexibility to respond to a major opportunity or major problem."

Strong said because of the tight budget, Campus Life may not be

able to respond as quickly with financial support for new program ideas as it has in the past.

Strong added his office's travel expenses have been cut by a third.

Osborne said one of the areas cut back was the Marvin Center contribution to Colonial Inauguration. Though there is a fee for participants in CI, the program has typically overrun this

revenue by tens of thousands of dollars. The Marvin Center has reduced its CI subsidy from \$200,000 two years ago to \$80,000 this year, Osborne said.

The Marvin Center reduced the number and size of the parties it sponsors, including Marvin Gras and Ski MC, which will between \$50,000 and \$55,000.

The Marvin Center also is

reducing its subsidies of Campus Activities, the department that supports student groups, by \$60,000 to \$70,000.

The required contribution hits the Marvin Center as it is trying to make major renovations.

Though the Office of Residential Life has increased its contribution to the general fund by a \$1 million, David McElveen, associate director for business affairs of campus life, said his office has not had to significantly cut back its services.

McElveen said Residential Life keeps a flexible budget by listing optional repairs and improvements. Funds left over at the end of the year are used for these projects.

McElveen said the Office of Residential Life does not need major revisions because GW residence halls are some of the best in the nation while prices are competitive with apartments in the area.

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# Forum discusses housing problems

BY LEE RUMBARGER  
AND KAREN DALY  
HATCHET REPORTERS

The Residence Hall Association held an open forum Sunday to discuss the housing lottery in an attempt to calm student fears about a potential housing shortage.

The students who attended the session raised many questions but offered few concrete answers.

Suggestions brought up by students during the forum included raising the lottery fee, increasing occupancy in residence halls, beginning the lottery process earlier in the school year, addressing the needs of transfer students and modifying "specialty floors" that currently exist in some dormitories.

"I want this to be student policy, not RHA policy," RHA President David Cleary said.

Cleary and RHA Secretary Maher Jafari chaired the meeting, the first of its kind.

The RHA will take the policy suggestions made during the meeting to the administration. Cleary said he has tentative plans to hold other student forums in November, December and possibly in January.

Cleary said it is difficult to predict how severe a housing shortage will be, or if one will even exist, without knowing how many students plan to live on campus next year.

He added that if the current freshman, sophomore and junior classes remain on campus at the same rate of last year's classes, GW will be short by 40 beds.

Cleary said he would like to see the lottery process begin earlier. Students suggested moving the April lottery date to late February or early March.

Rather than being a one-

evening event, the lottery may be held for an entire Saturday or become a two-day process. These changes will hopefully prevent a backup like the one last year, which kept some students waiting until the early morning hours, Cleary said.

Some students were concerned with the lack of commitment associated with filing intent to return forms.

"Many people go through lottery to see what they can get, then drop (out of the lottery)," said Scott Mory, RHA representative from Guthridge Hall and a Student Association senator. "Two or three hundred dollars isn't a lot of money when you're talking about the thousands you pay for housing. If (GW) increases the deposit, it might weed out people."

The housing deposit is \$300. It is non-refundable and later deducted from the following year's cost of room and board if the student chooses to remain on campus.

Forum participants agreed that educating students about the lottery process is an integral part of making the process run more smoothly.

"Last year, the Office of Residential Life hadn't formulated a plan, and no one knew what was going on. Such poor planning needs to be remedied today," Student Association President Al Park said.

Students also said the Office of Off-Campus Housing should be strengthened for those who choose to live off campus or are forced to in the event of a shortage.

The University is looking into purchasing one to three other buildings for housing, Cleary said. "This would not be aimed at increasing the size of the freshman class but keeping the people (already) here happy," he added.

## Students oppose Columbus Day holiday

The Progressive Student Union protested the Columbus Day holiday Monday afternoon on the Marvin Center's H Street terrace.

Siobhan McGrath, one of the organizers of the protest, said she morally objected to "the commemoration of a man who initiated holocaust and genocide in the Americas."

"We should be aware of what the natives contributed to America, not Columbus. He is an example of the attitudes we're protesting in our society," she said.

Another organizer, James Askew, described reaction to the protest as mixed. "Some people are open to just learning about Columbus, others have already made up their mind."

Askew also added, "Just because Columbus got lost and tripped over America doesn't mean we have to commemorate him. Why celebrate a man who started the slave trade?"

The protest lasted six hours and featured speakers on current issues of colonialism.

-Ivy McClure

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# Administrators seek speaker suggestions

GW is accepting suggestions for May's Commencement speaker, University Marshal Jill Kasle announced last week.

Anyone in the GW community who has an idea for the keynote speaker of the May 14 ceremony may submit their suggestion in writing by Nov. 1.

This is the first time in several years that the University has opened up the nomination process, Kasle said. A Faculty Senate committee usually makes a recommendation to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg.

"In a sense, we are turning everyone into a selector and a nominator," Kasle said. Opening the process up to students, faculty and staff puts everyone on that committee, she said.

She admitted it may be hard to top last year's speaker, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"It's true. After having Hillary Clinton, it seems like President Clinton" is the likely follow-up, she said. "But, we're encouraging people to think internationally."

Previous Commencement speakers include Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and former Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner.

Members of the community who have a recommendation may submit it in writing to Kasle in Monroe Hall, room 203 or to University Special Events Director Lynn Shipway in Rice Hall, room 504.

The letter should include the name of and some background on the nominee and the nominator's name and telephone number. A committee will choose the speaker from the pool of University recommendations and make a suggestion to Trachtenberg.

-Elissa Leibowitz

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They still might not be giants, but their numbers are growing.

## TMBG: 'Particle Man' to steel drivin' man

BY MAHER JAFARI  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

**M**an vs. machine. For They Might Be Giants, it is a battle that has just come to a climax on its new album, *John Henry* (Elektra).

TMBG was, for nine years, a duo (John Linnell and John Flansburgh) that relied on a drum machine and multiple layers of recording to get a song done. *John Henry* brings them to a new era with the use of a six-piece, all human band.

Band member John Linnell explained the album's name in a telephone interview Monday:

"John Henry is a story about a man — he was a steel drivin' man. He had enormous pride, enormous muscles. In the mid-19th century he had a battle with some sort of machine. The machine died after a certain point, and John Henry won. It's the man vs. machine story. It's kind of our story too," he said.

The difference is apparent from the start of the album, with guitars and percussion dominating in the first two tracks, "Subliminal" and "Snail Shell."

While *John Henry* typically is more rock-driven than TMBG's previous recordings, it doesn't leave their lovable pop sound behind, but instead incorporates it. Flansburgh's and Linnell's unmistakable vocals also help maintain the band's distinctive sound.

This sometimes makes the songs seem disjointed, as in "Sleeping in the Flowers," where a heavy guitar rhythm is interrupted suddenly by the light pop sound. However, even the pop sound is advanced with the new brass band to back it up.

Linnell said he believes this makes the new release stronger. "The album is defined by a variety of songs," he said. "Every song is brought out by the fact that the others are different from it."

TMBG capitalizes on its new band and recording style by experimenting with some new sounds, covering the gamut from blues to

hard rock (with a little accordion mixed in, of course).

Linnell said the process of song writing and recording became more complicated with the new band.

"We continued to write songs and cut demos in our bedrooms. Then we would give the demos to the rest of the musicians and they would work with it. So it was actually a longer process. We made more of an effort to make sure everything came out good," he said. The songs were never fully together until the band met up at Bearsville Studios in upstate New York to record.

"When we all ended up at Bearsville, we spent about two weeks in a barn with the band, incorporating each other's ideas and getting it to the point where we could play it live," Linnell said.

Linnell said adding the live band to TMBG was never really in the plans, but happened over time.

"We spent nine years as a duo and a lot of people nagged us about getting a band. We always held on and defended ourselves. When we finally got a band, it was kind of like a surprise. We hired (Kurt) Hoffman to play saxophone on the tour, then added a percussionist, and eventually the rest," he said.

TMBG, which just returned from touring Europe, is set to hit the road in the United States next week, with Frank Black opening with an acoustic set.

"For this show, what we might be doing is this thing where we have a curtain and we perform as a duo in front of the curtain. Then at the appropriate time, we lift the curtain and perform with the band," he said.

TMBG is also working on a B-side compilation disk, and continues its "Dial-A-Song" service (718-387-6962), which lets people call in and listen to a different song every day for the cost of a regular call.

As for the future, Linnell said, TMBG will simply be "all over the damn place."

*They Might Be Giants* perform at Lisner Auditorium on Tuesday.

## Burton's *Ed Wood* makes good

*Landau, Depp's performances propel upbeat look at offbeat life*

BY KAREN ANCILLAI AND ERIC KERENSKY  
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

**E**d Wood, the man responsible for such B-movie classics as "Bride of the Monster" and "Plan 9 From Outer Space," was once named "The Worst Director of All Time." Yet Tim Burton's new film about his life is far from the worst.

Touchstone Pictures' *Ed Wood* is fun and upbeat. Though this is much unlike the actual mood of Wood's life, the optimistic outlook he maintains no matter how many bad reviews he received or how few people attended his premieres keeps the film more lively than bunny rabbits frolicking in a carrot patch.

*Ed Wood* takes place in the mid-1950s when the aspiring director is barely 30 years old. Early on in the film, Wood splits his time between menial labor on a movie lot and directing horrendous actors in even worse plays to wholly empty theaters.

Through sheer luck Wood encounters his boyhood hero Bela Lugosi, the one-time star of countless vampire flicks, outside a coffin shop. When Wood asks Lugosi if he is there to select props for his latest project, the 70-year-old man replies that he is merely preparing for his imminent demise.

With Lugosi we are introduced to the most colorful and entertaining character in the film, even when compared to the flamboyant woman trapped in a man's body (Bill Murray) and the transvestite title character himself (Johnny Depp). Martin Landau plays Lugosi with an incredible amount of spunk and spitfire and wins over the audience in a performance wor-

thy of an Oscar nomination (though the Academy usually is not receptive to films of this genre).

An eclectic ensemble cast including Max Casella (of "Doogie Howser"), Jeffrey Jones (Beetlejuice), and George "The Animal" Steele (of WWF fame) surrounds him. In addition, Sarah Jessica Parker plays Dolores Fuller, Wood's girlfriend and stock actress — portraying all of the bland filler roles in Wood's abominations of film. She tolerates Ed's drinking, bizarre acquaintances and film failures, leaving him only after the discovery of his propensity toward her dresses, skirts and angora sweaters.

Although the film is based on the factual events of Wood's life, it never lapses into the boredom commonly associated with biographical films. Ed Wood maintains the same offbeat energy and comedy

that has come to be the trademark of all of Tim Burton's films. The entire piece is shot in black and white, capturing the essence of the low budget horror films that defined Ed Wood's life.

Even as a lowly prop boy, Wood wears the sunglasses and the attitude of a first-rate, in-demand movie star. He maintains the same naïve energy and desire throughout the movie, and his undying optimism leaves the audience satisfied, even in the face of his incompetence.



TOP: Ed Wood (Johnny Depp, l.) and Bela Lugosi (Martin Landau, r.) put their worst foot forward. ABOVE: Dolores (Sarah Jessica Parker), about to give Ed what he's been waiting for — an angora sweater.

## Traveler's fourth LP sets new course

BY CHRIS PARKER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

**B**lues Traveler is one of those great bands that puts out albums that are filled with music that blurs in your mind. Rather, with many Blues Traveler songs you can identify the group and the song, but you won't know from which album it hails. This in itself may not necessarily be good, but such consistency says a lot for the band.

Blues Traveler does not need a new sound to permeate each new album. It is at a point where its albums are incredible if only for the sheer enjoyment of a single song. The fact that this is not the case on the Traveler's fourth album, *Four* (A&M), just comes as a pleasant surprise.

After many years of being at the forefront of the blues-rock scene, Blues Traveler has perfected itself and its music to the point where it is easy to digest and enjoy for what it is: great rock. The band has continually toured and worked on new material since its 1989 debut. During all this it has continually grown as a band and the result is an impressive fourth album that doesn't sit back on its laurels, but rather strives with new material and pushes for newer horizons.

*Four* is chock full of experimentation. There is a serene ballad, "Look Around" that prescribes the tone for the rest of the album to follow, and this feeling is culminated by a gentle love song entitled "Just Wait."

There are a few fun songs that just rock with no real reason including the short but sweet "Crash

Burn," and the Southern rock style, "The Mountains Win Again."

On "Stand," the band successfully tries it hand at a funk style song that comes off surprisingly well. Another song that seems as if it will soon become a standard at Blues Traveler shows is the albums opener the folkish "Run-around," which is full of the band's trademark groove.

John Popper's vocals and harmonica playing are just as aggressive as they were five years ago, when he and his bandmates needed to prove that they could be a viable force in the music world. And now that they do not need to prove themselves, it's nice to hear the same ferocity that the band began with is still evident in its music.

The only thing that seems to be missing from this new album is the long instrumental jam that has been included in Blues Traveler's previous albums. This song has usually been hidden inside a long song, with vocals around it, but it was generally decipherable as an instrumental opus.

*Four* contains a two-minute instrumental called "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," and while it is a great song, it loses something in its brevity. Just as it gets going it ends abruptly. There is a great point in the last song "Brother John" when Popper and guitarist Chan Kinchla seem to race against time to see who can play the most notes on their respective instrument. This comes close to the ferocity of previous instrumentals, but it makes the listener long for the real thing.

# SPOTLIGHT

## Area thrift stores sell thrill-seeking bargains

BY MEGAN STACK  
HATCHET REPORTER

In suburban America, thrift shops are generally hailed as the only escape from generic clothing purchased in the Gap.

People say they prefer these vintage clothing stores rather than making a pilgrimage to the mall, with its fluorescent lighting and mirrors that somehow always manage to make everyone look overweight and pasty.

Thrift shops including the Salvation Army carry a wide variety of oversized corduroys, big sweaters and anything else from flashy flapper dresses to funny-smelling old men's clothes.

The idea of second hand shopping in Washington, D.C., immediately captures the imagination. What kind of treasures could be found? Dusty and unheard of stores, tucked full of indescribably cool items capture the imagination.

Dupont Circle is a mecca for thrift shops. The first shop on the list is Secondi on Connecticut Avenue, which is surrounded by bookstores.

The stairway to the store is dimly lit and fails to give away what is inside. Behind the door

perfume hangs. Everything in the store but a stained glass window, some French Vogue covers on lace tablecloths and the clothes from the racks is white. In suburbia stores, decor like this would not have a chance at survival.

As for the clothes – obviously this isn't suburbia, but a second-hand store such as this, carrying brand new J Crew loafers and equally young, sparkling evening dresses, seems like a rarity.

The empty store lends Caitrine Callison, the owner of Secondi, the opportunity to talk.

"Well, you know," Callison began, "I started out just begging a few women, but today we have over 6,600 consignors."

"Our standards are high. They have to be. We don't carry any designs that are

more than two years old," Callison said.

Secondi is not the typical thrift store. It carries business clothing and more formal attire for people a little short on cash. The clothes look new, and some in fact are, but the prices are lower than other stores selling never-worn designer clothes.

U Street, although its merchandise is a little more junky, is not disappointing either in terms of thrift shops.



photo by Claire Duggan

**Consignment does not necessarily equal thrift at Secondi Consignment Clothing in Dupont Circle. Shopper Bonnie Sherman discusses one of the many sequined dresses with store owner Caitrine Callison.**

One store is a booth set up on the sidewalk. The couple selling the clothing sits on crates. Its wares are displayed on racks and folded in stacks on top of crates. Items for sale mostly included the typical funny-smelling old man clothing. It also boasts an entire rack full of coats which were ugly to the point of being perversely appealing.

The next store, Ultimate Value Thrift and Antique Shop, made the whole trip worthwhile. Stepping into the musty-smelling building is like striking gold.

The store is as dusty and discarded-looking as it can possibly be. An ancient and filthy television set blares away in the back of the store. Signs on the wall announces a 50 percent off sale on all clothing.

A shopper could spend hours sifting through junk and mining out irreplaceable gems of clothing.

Baggy corduroys of any color imaginable grace the counters along with tweed top hats. There are wool sweaters for \$5 each. There are even glitzy, spiked heel shoes that look like artifacts from

the 1970s.

But the best thing about thrift store shopping is the lack of guilt; Or perhaps it is buying that hand-sewn sleeveless shirt you'll never wear, is the joy in thrift shopping. There is no guilt. How can one feel guilty after spending 50 cents on a shirt?

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### ... Your pigsty room

Is pigsty the adjective you'd use to describe your room? If so, you still have time to enter the Pass the Pigs National Pigsty search. Pass the Pigs, a Milton Bradley board game, is searching for the worst pigsty on college campuses.

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One last thing for all you residence hall pigs, you must have your resident assistant sign the entry to ensure no intentional damage was inflicted on the room.

### ... Your generation

"Speak Out On the Issues of Your Generation" is the topic of America's College Video Competition.

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According to Aaron Barnes, competition organizer, "Our ultimate goal is to provide a forum for the variety of ideas and perspectives fostered by Xers while, at the same time, encouraging young talent in a business that has historically so difficult to break into."

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### ... Football bands

Too bad we don't have a football coach, or at least a team. Because if we did have a coach, he, along with the band director, could win walk-on speaking roles in the ABC-TV sitcom "Coach."

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The Ultimate Value Thrift Store, located in Adams Morgan, is not only cheaper but cheesier than Secondi.



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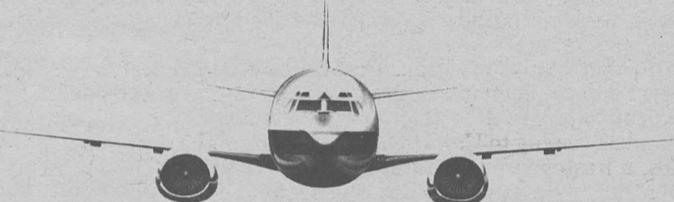
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# College Republicans

A Schedule of Events for October, November, and December

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Oct. 14-15 . . . . . **College Republican & Young Republican Rally** for Oliver North in Virginia Beach, VA. Free lodging, transportation, and food.

Oct. 19 . . . . . **General Membership Meeting** 9pm Rm 403 in the Marvin Center. Speakers from the Heritage Foundation, Empower America, and Carol Schwartz, Republican candidate for Mayor in the District.

Nov. 8 . . . . . **College Republican Election Night Party.** Time and Place TBA.

Nov. 11 . . . . . **Celebrate Veteran's Day** with the College Republicans, with speakers Gen. Singlaub and Gen. Graham.

Nov. 16 . . . . . **November General Membership Meeting.** MC 405, 9pm.

Dec. 1 . . . . . **Hear Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R, Texas)** come speak on the issues concerning the country today.

Dec. 9 . . . . . **Take a break from studying for Finals** at the College Republican Holiday Social. Time and Place TBA.

If you need information about specific events or have any questions about the organization, please contact us at the CR Office, at 994-4895.

# Equality effort needs U.S. aid, Mandela says

BY JOHN REGA  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

South Africa still needs the generous support of Americans as it strives to move from fledgling to full democracy, Republic of South Africa President Nelson Mandela told a crowd of 15,000 at Howard University Oct. 7.

Despite their victory over legal apartheid, South Africans need economic strength to achieve real equity and to overcome the "lack of housing, inadequate health care (and) poor education" that continues to confront blacks, Mandela said.

Mandela thanked the U.S. for its support and sought continued economic help, including trade and private investment.

President Clinton pledged to continue U.S. assistance and to deliver the \$600 million aid package he promised previously this year. In addition, the Agency for International Development will establish a fund for private investment, much like the funds the United States created for Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

At Howard on Friday, Mandela was again honored with a special convocation and a Doctor of Laws degree. Howard's acting president, Joyce A. Ladner, conferred the degree, calling Mandela "the towering hero of the 20th century."

In his speech, however, Mandela shared the credit with his supporters at the historically-black college and other places.

"Precisely because you have been part of this effort over the years, for you to honor us is ... to rightfully honor yourselves, for what has been obtained in South Africa today is an achievement of the black people throughout the world," Mandela said.

With legal equality won, however, the upcoming steps will be just as important to attaining real democracy, Mandela said.

South Africa needs to make, "our institutions fully representative of our community," Mandela said, noting that the white minority continues to "dominate" many sectors of life, such as business and education.

"The importance of education needs no argument before members of Howard University, which played an important role in uplifting the sons and daughters of former slaves," he said.

Mandela outlined his goal of affording 10 years of free education to every child, beginning with children now 6 years old, and implementing a basic education program for adults, which he called, "crucial for improving productivity in industry."

He further stated his goal of providing free medical care to children under six and to pregnant mothers, as well as undertaking an "intensive" immunization program.

"Mandela coming to Howard brings dreams of the next Mandela," Maisie Hughes, a freshman at Howard, said later that day. "He represents hope, that you can do anything you put your mind to do."

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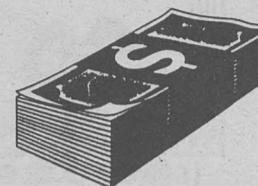
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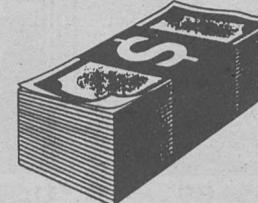
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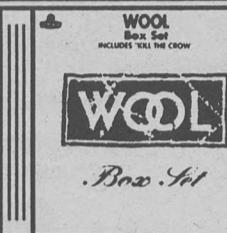
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Ahmed Maher El Sayed

been."

However, El Sayed warned that the world must still be cautious in

light of actions by men such as Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Egypt recognizes the sufferings of

the Iraqi people and had been

working to have United Nations

economic sanctions lifted, but

Hussein's belligerence has gotten

in the way, he explained.

The peace process is the highest

priority for Egypt, El Sayed

affirmed. The ambassador

explained that peace is difficult to

achieve because it must make

everyone comfortable in order to

succeed.

"If we want peace to be durable,

it must be general," he said. "To be

achieved, peace must be equitable,

it must be just to receive the heart-

felt acceptance of all countries."

## Egyptian ambassador warns of Iraqi threat

BY JARED SHER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

In a lecture as timely as today's headlines, Ambassador Ahmed Maher El Sayed of Egypt discussed the stability of the Middle East with a group of students and faculty Tuesday afternoon.

With multi-lateral forces amassing once again in the Persian Gulf in response to Iraq's military maneuvering, El Sayed reaffirmed his country's commitment to peace in the Middle East.

"This is a new chance, we cannot let it go and we will not let it go," El Sayed said.

Once a region of instability marked by frequent outbreaks of violence, today's Middle East is on the road toward a peaceful future, the ambassador said. Whereas in the past fighting was the norm, today, peace is a fact of life.

"We have come a long way," El Sayed said. "Peace has proven contagious, but the incubation has been 16 or 17 years."

The ambassador noted the progress that has taken place in the last few years. He recalled the ceremony at the White House in which Arabs and Israelis met together in a pledge to work for peace. Egypt takes great pride in having been the Arab nation to start the process of peace with Israel in 1977, he said.

"Egypt is very proud to have been a pioneer, to open the road for others," El Sayed said. "But it puts on us a great responsibility, because where our brothers and friends are going, we have already

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# Student groups discuss feminism and abortion

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Representatives of four student groups debated the relationship between feminism and other aspects of abortion Tuesday night in Funger Hall.

Elise Ehrhard, a member of GW Right to Life, began the debate by saying that she felt feminism is truly represented by the pro-life movement and that choosing to have an abortion is "a sell-out of feminist principles."

However, Philippe Roth, the College Democrat representative, argued that the objectives of the feminist and pro-life movements are totally opposite. She said feminists are fighting for control over their own bodies, while the pro-life movement accepts a biblical, hierarchical figure controlling their lives.

"I think feminists would find it very difficult to look at the Bible because it portrays the domination of women," she said.

Both Nicholas Provenzo of the American Collegiate Conservatives and John Opfer of the Objectivist Club attempted to move the focus of the debate by arguing that the two movements have essentially nothing to do with one another.

According to Provenzo, a small, radical fringe has a grip on the feminist movement and abortion should be considered an issue of responsibility instead.

"Feminism is an incoherent philosophy. (Its) ideology is united

under the conviction that women are equal to men, and this has nothing to do with abortion," Opfer added.

He then inflamed the debate by contending that the fetus is comparable to a parasite and a tapeworm because it depends solely on the mother for nutritive support, and any individual has the right to withdraw this support from it.

Ehrhard countered by saying that Opfer's comments were anti-woman, chauvinistic and ignorant.

"When a child grows inside a woman's body, she does not view it as a tapeworm," she said.

Ehrhard also said that by calling a fetus a parasite, it is putting the fetus on a lower level than a fully developed human. This ranking of human lives is against human rights, she maintained.

Roth argued in favor of human rights as well. However, she said the legalization of abortion is necessary to protect the lives of millions of women who could die having illegal, unsafe abortions.

According to Ehrhard, though, the legalization of abortions legitimizes violence and is the root cause of many social problems, including the fight of women to gain equality in the workplace.

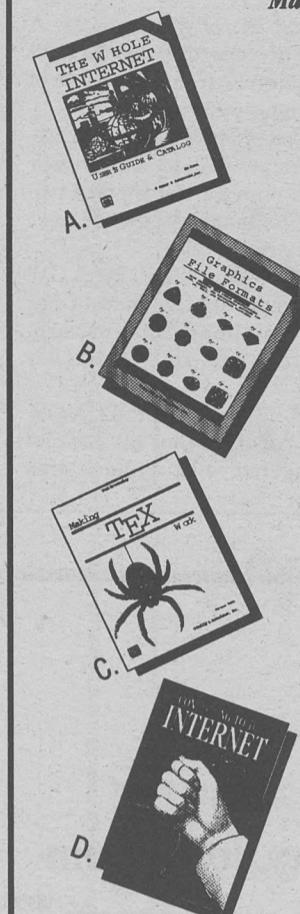
Opfer said this argument is "overwhelmingly illogical" because there is no precedent that links abortions to other social problems. He also said that abortions are comparable to other operations, such as an appendectomy, and that they do not legitimize violence.

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- 2000 block of H St. NW, Sept. 22. A University Police supervisor arrested a man for the theft of two bicycles. The man was turned over to Metropolitan Police.
- Academic Center, Sept. 29. A GW employee reported the theft of her wallet – containing \$200 in cash, credit cards, and ID – from her office.
- Academic Center, Sept. 22. A GW employee reported that his car had been tampered with while it was

parked in the parking garage. Nothing was reported missing.

• Adams Hall, Sept. 21. A staff member reported the theft of a \$250 computer printer from the basement.

• Bell Hall, Oct. 7. A GW student reported the theft of his \$400 bicycle from the rear of the building.

• Burns Law Library, Oct. 7. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet – containing \$60 in cash, credit cards and ID – from her book bag.

• Corcoran Hall, Sept. 23. A GW student reported the theft of a \$60 textbook from the fourth floor.

• Gelman Library, Sept. 30. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$40 hand-held vacuum from his office.

• Marvin Center, Sept. 27. A GW employee reported the theft of her

wallet – containing a checkbook, credit cards and \$90 in cash – from the first floor.

• Marvin Center, Sept. 22. A GW student reported that an unknown man attempted to steal her backpack from the first floor. When she confronted the man, he ran from the building.

• Mitchell Hall, Sept. 21. A resident reported the theft of mail.

• Monroe Hall, Oct. 6. A GW employee reported the theft of her purse – containing \$15 in cash, a wallet and credit cards – from her office.

• National Law Center, Sept. 28. A GW employee reported the theft of his \$250 bicycle from the rear of the building.

• Parking Lot 11, Oct. 6. A GW employee reported that her parked car was broken into. The vehicle registration was missing.

• Parking Lot M, Sept. 21. A GW student reported the theft of his \$5,000 motorcycle.

• Rice Hall, Sept. 28. A GW employee reported the theft of an \$80 bicycle seat from the front of the building.

• Smith Center, Sept. 30. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$50 banner from the main entrance.

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- Smith Center, Sept. 30. A GW student reported the theft of her \$550 bicycle from the front of the building.
- Strong Hall, Sept. 21. A resident reported that someone used her long distance personal security code to make \$145 worth of telephone calls.
- T.G.I. Friday's, 2100 Pennsylvania Ave., Sept. 30. A GW student reported the theft of a \$2,400 laptop computer. The student left the computer behind when he left the restaurant and found it missing when he returned.
- Thurston Hall, October 2. Three residents reported the theft of \$120 in cash and eight packs of cigarettes from their room. There were no signs of forced entry.

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- Crawford Hall, Oct. 10. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
- Francis Scott Key Hall, Sept. 28.

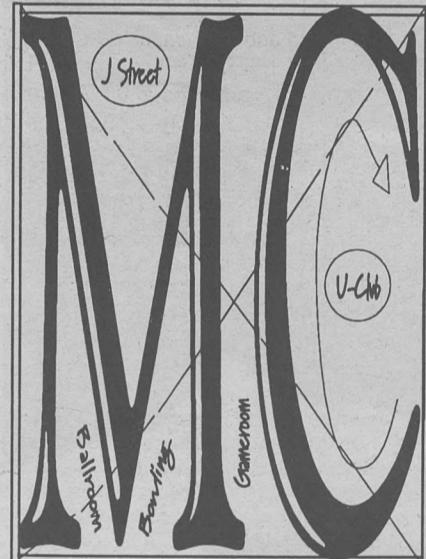
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 Oct. 15 vs. Massachusetts - 4 p.m. at  
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 Oct. 16 vs. Seton Hall - 1 p.m. at  
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Natalie Froman (#21) captures the ball from Rhode Island's Lauren Lankow (#20) Sept. 30. The Colonial Women's foray into the explosive ACC this weekend resulted in two respectable 2-0 losses.

## Colonial Women stand proud GW stares down two top-five schools at the Duke Classic

BY BEN OSBORNE  
 HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The 17th-ranked GW women's soccer team had a weekend short on scoring but long on experience as it fell to national powers Duke University and the University of North Carolina by twin 2-0 scores in the Duke Women's Soccer Classic in Durham, N.C.

### Duke 2, GW 0

In the Duke game Saturday night, the Colonial Women were victimized by two early goals. Kelly Walbert scored for the Lady Blue Devils at 18:21, and then Meegan McMullin scored at 26:17 to close the scoring before the game even reached the halfway point. GW stiffened on defense, however, and played even with Duke the rest of the way.

The goals were part of a 25-shot onslaught that Duke directed at GW. Sophomore goalkeeper Traci Jensen was credited with five saves off those shots.

Offensively, the Colonial Women managed eight shots on Duke goalie Melissa Carr. Leading the way for GW with two shots each were Mandy Booras, Kristin Davidson and Chemar Smith.

Head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski said she was pleased with her team's effort against 10-1-1 Duke, the sixth-ranked team in the country.

"We came out a little slow against them, but in the second half we had a couple good chances and we played them pretty even, and they're a very good team," she said.

Friday night's game against UNC also ended in a 2-0 score, but it wasn't as close an affair as the Duke game. The reigning national champions, who improved to 12-0-1 on the year, blasted 28 shots in the win. The Colonial Women managed only two.

UNC's Debbie Keller scored less than two minutes into the second half to produce the final margin. The only goal of the first half came at 29:59 when Tisha Venturi scored for the Lady Tar Heels, a team which has now played 98 straight matches without a loss.

The North Carolina game had special significance for Higgins-Cirovski, who spent her collegiate days starring for UNC and its head coach, Anson Dorrance.

"It was a nice feeling to go down there and be respected, and I think we gained even more respect with our play. Really, the whole weekend was such a good experience for us," Higgins-Cirovski said.

The national respect for Duke and UNC is perhaps best found in the fact that GW's national ranking remained the same after the weekend. The Colonial Women may have escaped the hotbed of Atlantic Coast Conference soccer relatively unscathed, but the going doesn't get any easier this weekend.

GW will face 9th-ranked Massachusetts Saturday at RFK Auxiliary Field in an Atlantic 10 matchup. The Minutewomen reached the NCAA Final Four last season, so Higgins-Cirovski is expecting a tough game.

"We have a lot of respect for them, but we were able to tie them last year so hopefully we can pull it out on Saturday," she said.

## Spikers invade George Mason's turf

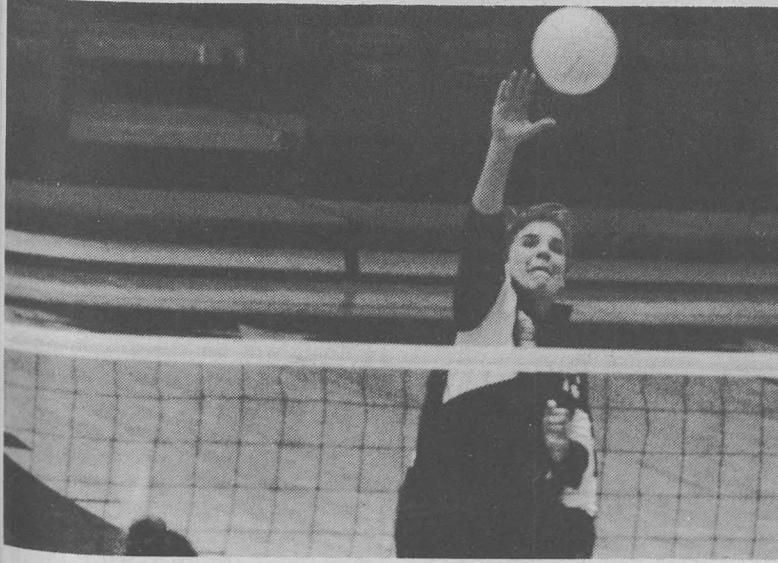
BY JARED SHER  
 ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The GW volleyball team took a giant leap forward this weekend, crushing Atlantic 10 foes Duquesne and St. Bonaventure while winning a difficult, non-conference match at George Mason University.

"The most critical thing is that right now, this is exactly what we needed," head coach Susie Homan said. "We've been playing well, but you never know how good you are until you're tested."

### GW vs. St. Bonaventure

While the Lady Bonnies are obviously in the same conference as the Colonial Women, the two teams were leagues apart Saturday night at the Smith



Stefanie Francis leaps for the kill against St. Bonaventure as part of a weekend in which she stepped up to a forceful offensive role.

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**MEN'S SOCCER (3-8-1)**

Oct. 15 at Rutgers - 7:30 p.m.

## GW shocks UMass to stay in A-10 chase

BY SHAINA RHEAM  
 HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW men's soccer team split a pair of Atlantic 10 games this past weekend, thrashing Massachusetts 3-1 Sunday but falling 3-2 to Rhode Island Friday.

### GW 3, UMass 1

In an aggressive game that produced five yellow cards and two red cards, the Colonials met and surpassed the challenge of the Minutemen - whose lone goal opened up the scoring at 20:82 when Colin Johnson shot into the left corner.

The Colonials overcame the setback by pouring in three goals. Moises Reyes started the scoring rally at 35:30 when he took a perfectly flighted ball from Marcelo Valencia and sent it in from 30 yards out. Alex Guerreiro followed it up at 42:22 when he headed in a ball off a Stefan Triandafilou corner kick.

The Minutemen were awarded a penalty kick in the 58th minute, but GW goalkeeper Ward McIntyre stepped up and blocked the shot.

At 76:50, the scoring tag team of Valencia and Stephen Masten added another to cap the Colonials' victory. Valencia fed Masten the ball, who streaked in on a breakaway after maneuvering past the

entire UMass defense to tuck the ball into the left corner.

Triandafilou was issued a yellow card for a hard tackle, while Reyes received a red card which will force him to sit out the next game against Rutgers.

### Rhode Island 3, GW 2

The Rams scored three times before the Colonials could break the shutout. Rob Giovannelli capitalized at 19:53, and Andrew Williams netted two more at 25:23 and 57:07.

Reyes scored both of GW's goals at 78:46 and 87:10. The first goal came when Matt Nesbitt sent in a cross to Masten, who headed the ball to Reyes to score. The second goal resulted when Reyes took a pass from Triandafilou and fired the ball into the net.

"We got a slow start against Rhode Island," Reyes said. "We played better in the second half, but you have to play good in both halves in order to win. In the UMass game we put it all together - both halves were good."

The Rams edged the Colonials in shots on goal, 18-7. Reyes and Masten led in shot attempts with three each. McIntyre made 12 saves. Guerreiro and Triandafilou were issued yellow cards, while Nesbitt received a red card that forced him out against UMass.



UMass goalkeeper Mark Wolf (#1) elevates for a save as Colonials Steve Masten (#11) and Pierre Douge (#12) challenge.

Center as GW crushed its opponent in straight sets (15-3, 15-0, 15-10).

GW roared out to an 8-3 lead in game 1 behind excellent service. Aces highlighted the first set, with both Jill Lammert and Liu Li stifling the SBU attack with solid serves.

The match also allowed Homan to give her reserves extended playing time, allowing her everyday players some rest. SBU offered a token challenge in the final set, but the makeshift lineup held together, led by Liz Martin's offense and Jen Grabow's back to back non-returnable serves.

### GW vs. George Mason

Tensions were high on both sides of the net before the match started. Both top-10 regional teams seemed to sense the impor-

tance of the inter-conference rivalry, but GW overcame a fierce battle for local supremacy in four draining sets Saturday afternoon (15-8, 10-15, 15-12, 15-9).

Last season, the Colonial Women beat the 10th-ranked Patriots at home. The victory over a high quality opponent was a springboard for the Colonial Women's late season drive to the NCAA Tournament.

The teams entered 1994 with much in common. Both programs were coming off their most successful seasons, each having reached the tournament for the first time. In addition, both entered the season with high aspirations and a long, intimidating home-winning streak.

(See COLONIAL, p. 22)

**VOLLEYBALL (18-2)**  
Oct. 13 vs. Loyola-Chicago - 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 14 vs. Massachusetts - 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 15 vs. Rutgers - 7:30 p.m.  
(All games at The Smith Center)

## Dejá Vu: Taylor spurns GW to tee off in England

### Team qualifies for ECAC Championships

By KYNAN KELLY  
SPORTS EDITOR

Stuart "James" Taylor, the GW golf team's ace, has joined Yinka Dare as the second Colonial athlete in as many years to turn pro before finishing college.

Tuesday night, Taylor accepted an offer from a professional tour in England and boarded a flight for England Wednesday morning.

GW golf head coach Keith Betts described the English tour as "an equivalent to the PGA (Professional Golf Association) Tour here in the States."

Once a collegiate athlete has relinquished his or her amateur status to turn pro, that athlete may not compete at the collegiate level again, according to NCAA regulations.

"It's disappointing for me because there's a certain commitment for me when he came over here, but he was too good for our program," Betts said in a phone interview Tuesday night. "While I would never hold anyone back, I thought he'd at least hold out through the semester."

Before leaving, however, he set the club on track to its most successful season ever.

In less than a month and a half at GW, Taylor led the Colonials to a No. 10 ranking in Division 2 of the Northeast Region, their highest ranking ever. Betts said Division 2 is made up of between 60 to 70 teams.

The prominent ranking comes after two highly successful outings for GW. On Oct. 6, the Colonials beat 24 other teams with a school-record tying 305 to win the Southern District Qualifier at the ECAC Finals Invitational at the Fox Chase (Pa.) Country Club.

By virtue of their victory, the Colonials are one of 15 teams invited to Colgate University this weekend to compete for the ECAC Championship.

Taylor scored a 73, while Bobby Snyder and Scott Lutz each swung a 77. Rob Duva turned in a 78, and Tae-Sik Hong finished with a 79. GW's 305 was identical to the score it turned in Sept. 28 on the same course at the Franklin and Marshall Tournament.

Betts said Taylor's absence will hurt, but the program itself will continue to be successful in the long run.

"He leaves us in a bit of a bind, but the program is bigger than one player," he said. "I've got upper-

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## WATER POLO

Oct. 15 at EWPA Conference  
Round 3 at Washington and Lee

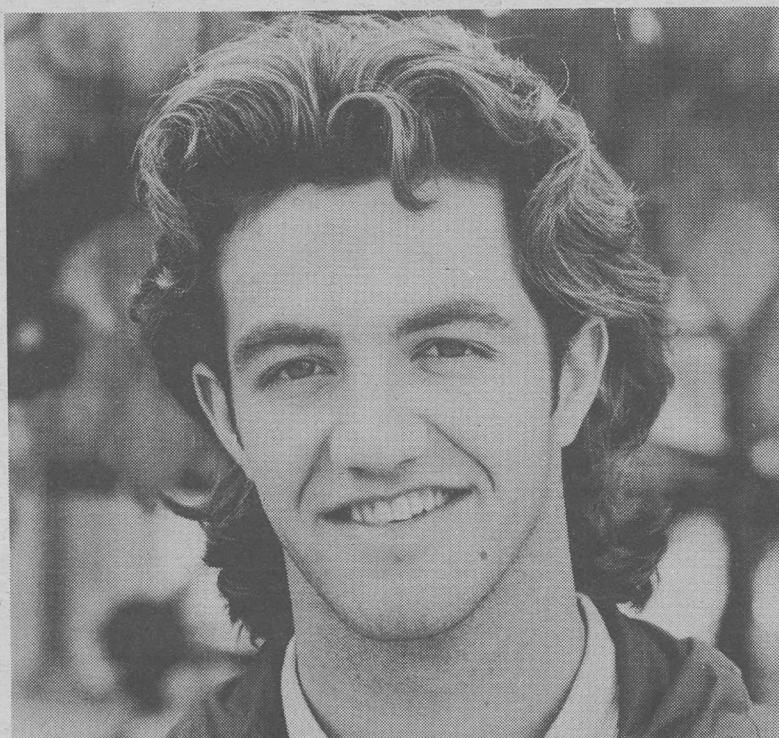


photo courtesy GW Sports Information

**Fire and Rain: After James Taylor fired up the Colonials' golf game, he rained on their parade by bolting to England for the world of pro golf.**

classmen - Scott Lutz and Bobby Snyder - who are taking it as their responsibility to make sure (the program's success) will continue."

The Colonials got a taste of what lays in store for them in the days ahead without Taylor. The team placed 14th at the McLaughlin Golf Championship on the Bethpage (N.Y.) Golf Course Oct. 9-10 with a two-day total of

653.

Betts said Taylor was not able to play because of a migraine headache. Consequently, Betts wasn't able to drop the highest score from the team total.

"It was the worst case scenario," he said. "We didn't play very well."

Snyder and Hong each scored two-day totals of 159. Duva hit a 166 and Lutz turned in a 169.

## Colonial Women take 'Metro Championship'

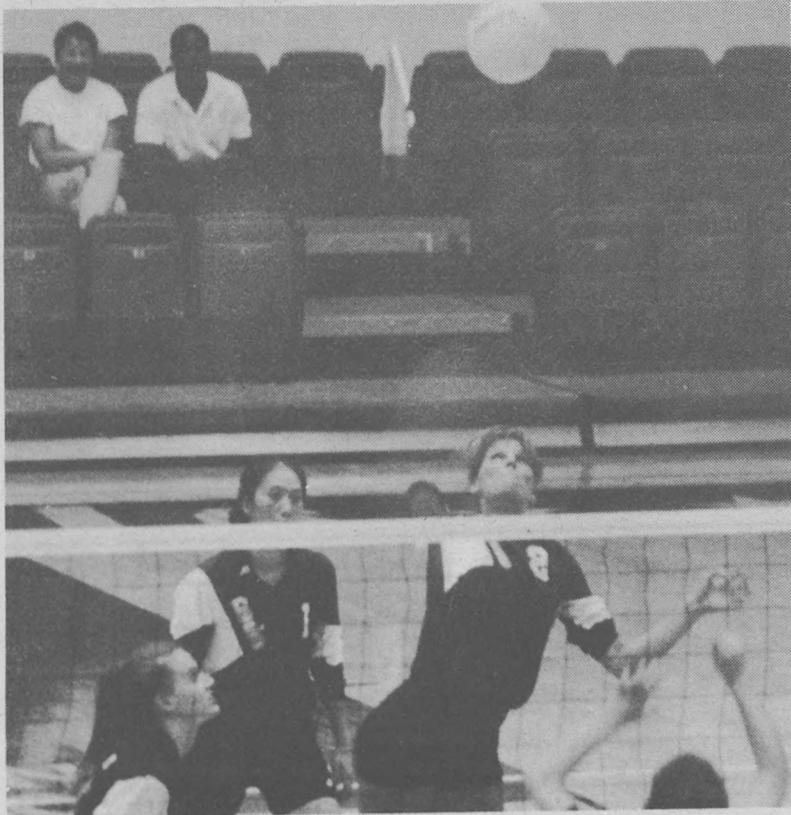


photo by Maher Jafar

**Liz Martin (#2) winds up for a devastating blast through the Lady Bonnies' defense. The Colonial Women earned their first shutout in a set all season when they blanked SBU 15-0 in game 2.**

### (From p. 21)

George Mason had not lost a match on its home court since Nov. 3 1992, a span of 16 matches, before GW stole a victory there last weekend.

Every point throughout the match was contested by both teams, a situation the Colonial Women had not dealt with in some time. The pressure of playing all-out on every series proved difficult for GW at first, as they fell behind quickly, 3-0.

The Colonial Women passed poorly, and the defense was full of holes early on, but GW recovered before the damage was to great to overcome. Svetlana Vtyurina turned her game up a notch, forcing kills through the Patriot front wall. Vtyurina worked hard for every kill, picking up the unassisted version as often as possible.

The Colonial Women carried the momentum into the second set, opening up a 7-3 lead against the quick, powerful Patriots. GMU continued to reach nearly every GW attack ball, using its speed to dive and make difficult saves to stay alive. Not only did GMU stay in the game, it came back to win it, reeling off five of the final seven points.

GW's big hitters finally began to

show effectiveness in the third set. The Colonial Women roared out to an 8-4 lead, but the defense could not protect it. GW was forced to turn to Lammert and Stefanie Francis, two hitters who continually surprised the GMU blockers. The Patriots had focused on Vtyurina and Liu Li, leaving openings for the rest of the GW attack.

After holding Mason off in the crucial third set, the Colonial Women built up huge leads and managed to hold off the Patriots for the victory. Fittingly enough, Vtyurina sealed the win with an ace on match point.

"The great thing about this match is that we didn't win every critical point so you get to see both sides of yourself," Homan said.

### GW vs. Duquesne

GW opened the weekend with a drubbing of the Lady Dukes Friday night (15-3, 15-3, 15-11).

The Colonial Women stifled Duquesne throughout the affair, holding the team to a .000 hitting percentage by forcing as many errors as the opponent could manage in kills (19).

At the same time, GW's offense tuned out another excellent performance, hitting .440 with just five errors.

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GW is among 300 colleges and universities across America participating in the sixth annual Timex Fitness Week, presented by Ocean Spray.

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During the week of fitness, which is designed to improve the exercise habits of college students,

each school's recreational sports program will showcase a variety of events. Timex will award watches and T-shirts as prizes.

GW's events include: floor hockey, volleyball, men's and women's soccer shootout, indoor soccer and

aerobics. All events are held at the Smith Center except the shootouts, which will be held at the RFK Auxiliary Field. Call the Recreational Sports Office at 994-6251 for times and more information.

-Kynan Kelly

### Mark My Words

## Teams play to empty house in autumn of discontent

Will someone please explain what is going on around here because I just don't understand. To me, there's just no logical explanation for the sad state of attendance at fall sporting events.

There are no valid excuses for this situation. Somebody may try to tell you the game is too far away or that it's hard to get there. Wrong. Volleyball is in the Smith Center, and if you can get there for basketball, you can get there for volleyball. We all use the Metro, so RFK Auxiliary Field isn't tough either when it comes to soccer.

And you can't say it's not exciting enough. The women's soccer team is ranked 17th in the nation. The volleyball squad is ninth out of more than 120 teams in the Mid-East Region. These are good teams, among the best GW has ever put forth.

Yet in a facility that seats 5,000 people, the volleyball team struggles to draw in 200. This is a team that has won 20 straight at home - they own the Smith Center and nobody even knows it. They give away so much free stuff at these games, you'd think it was Welcome Week, but still nobody goes. I'm not even sure Tom DeLuca could hypnotize enough people to make a difference.

I mean by the time you leave any given match, you could be endowed with free bagels, clothing, dinners for up to six people and trips to a comedy show. For most of these things, all you have to do is show up and pick up a program. It really is that easy - and you don't even have to show up early for good seats.

As far as soccer is concerned, there are more spare seats at RFK at any given game than you'd find at Senate hearings on "The Effects of Electric Lactosis," whatever that is. At least C-SPAN shows up for the Senate. Furthermore, the soccer teams are more competitive than their neighbors at RFK, the 1-4 Redskins.

And another thing - where are all you sports fans, anyway? What else in the world can you be doing? You certainly aren't watching the pros on TV, because there ain't no pros. Hockey's on strike, baseball's on strike, basketball will be there soon and football's only on during the weekend.

This week, since you can't watch The World Series (this is when you would be watching if you could), why not come out and support some of the Colonials who don't dribble with their hands and who send balls over nets instead of through them?

-Jared Sher

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### Athletes excel in the face of adversity

(CPS) — Minutes before an NCAA Division III swim competition, Catholic University sophomore Joyce Luncher smooths on her swim cap — and sheds her right arm.

With this prosthesis attached to her elbow and controlled by shoulder movement, Luncher can do almost anything her women's varsity teammates do, whether it's tying her shoelaces or lifting weights. Without it, the 19-year-old biomedical engineering major holds her own, and more, in the competitive world of college swimming.

Last season, Luncher, a fetal amputee, swam to sixth place in the 200-yard butterfly in the Capital Athletic Conference meet and placed 11th in its 100-yard butterfly event. In fact, Catholic University coach Tom Calomeris, who recruited Luncher for the team, said she's already improved close to 10 seconds on her best high school time in the 200-yard butterfly.

"It never crossed my mind there was anything different about her," he ADDS. "I never had any earlier experience with disabled athletes until Joyce. I'm from the old school where everyone gets a shot, and if you can do it, you can do it. Joyce is simply a fine, outstanding athlete, and Catholic's No. 2 butterflyflyer."

The opportunity at Catholic University to improve her competitive swimming skills is important to Luncher, who said she does not think of her disability as a handicap.

"I've been swimming competitively nearly all my life, and I couldn't imagine stopping," she said. Luncher said she feels she might have been good enough to earn a swimming grant at a Division II school (which awards athletic scholarships, while

Division III schools do not), but chose Catholic University because of its religious ties and program in her field of interest.

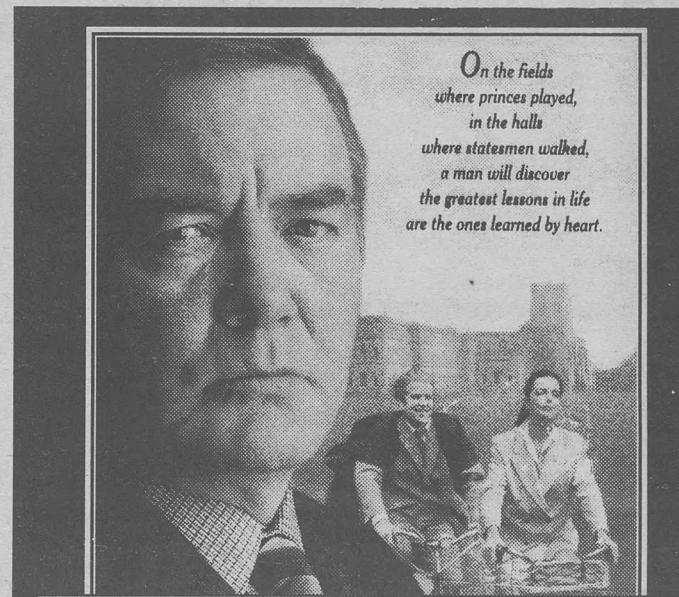
Margaret Stran, meanwhile, enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign four years ago partly because of its wheelchair sports program. An English education major, the 21-year-old college senior had played basketball and other sports before a 1990 skiing accident left her paralyzed from the chest down.

"I love sports and would have felt cheated if I hadn't found a college that offered me both educational and sports opportunities," she said. "In fact, I was really disappointed when I first looked at colleges and found that only a handful even had sports programs for the handicapped."

While at the University of Illinois, Stran has honed her athletic ability, playing in the Central Intercollegiate Conference (CIC), which sponsors a national wheelchair basketball championship every year. Along the way, she was recruited as a member of the women's wheelchair basketball Team USA that won the silver medal in the Paralympic Games held in Barcelona, Spain, in 1992.

"I know a lot of disabled athletes who ended up transferring here because there were no opportunities to compete at other colleges," said Stran, who is now eyeing the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Ga., in 1996 and in Sydney, Australia, in 2000. "People think you can't achieve anything athletically once you're in a wheelchair. That's not true. That you're playing strapped in a wheelchair is only one aspect of the game."

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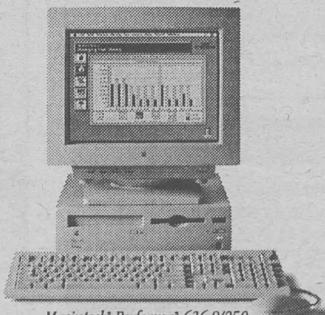
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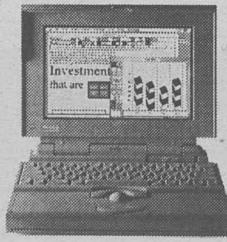
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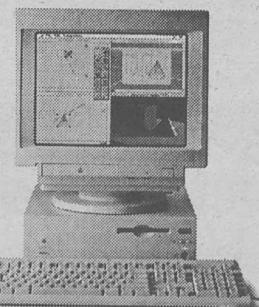
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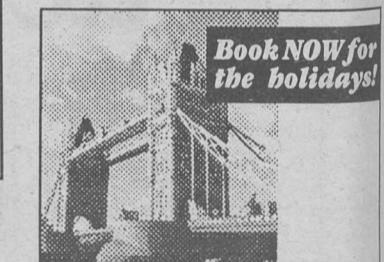
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